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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES: BOAT CASE

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1. DEPT. IS CONCERNED THAT REFTTEL A CARRIES NO INDICATION
THAT ANY OF THE 22 INDOCHINESE REFUGEES ABOARD THE
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NORWEGIAN SHIP "KINGSVILLE" CAN BE EXPECTED TO BE RESETTLED

OTHER THAN IN THE UNITED STATES. SINCE OUR ONLY CURRENT SOURCE OF ALIEN NUMBERS ARE RECOUPED NUMBERS FROM THE EXPANDED PAROLE PROGRAM, EMBASSY BANGKOK MUST BE ACUTELY AWARE OF LIMITATIONS ON ABILITY OF USG TO MEET ALONE THE BURGEONING REQUIREMENTS FROM BOAT CASES.

2. NORWAY, FOR INSTANCE, WAS A RECIPIENT OF UNHCR APPEAL ON BOAT CASES. THE NORWEGIAN SHIPMASTER MUST BE COMMENDED FOR PICKING THESE REFUGEES UP WHEN OTHERS HAD PASSED THEM BY AND ESSENCE OF UNHCR APPEAL WOULD BE THAT NORWAY SHOULD NOT THEN BE EXPECTED TO TAKE ALL THESE REFUGEES. NEVERTHELESS, WE WOULD HOPE THAT NORWAY COULD ACCEPT SOME OF THEM.

3. ADDITIONALLY, FRANCE AND OTHER COUNTRIES WITH ACTIVE PROGRAMS FOR THE RESETTLEMENT OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES RECEIVED THE UNHCR APPEAL AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO ACCEPT SOME OF THESE REFUGEES. GIVEN THE SHARP LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF NUMBERS, EMBASSY MUST NOT ASSUME THAT SIMPLY BECAUSE REFUGEES QUALIFY UNDER OLD EPP CRITERIA THAT THEY CAN AUTOMATICALLY BE ACCOMMODATED IN THE UNITED STATES PROGRAM. ON THE CONTRARY, EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO WORK WITHIN THE SPIRIT OF THE UNHCR APPEAL TO ACHIEVE AN INTERNATIONAL SOLUTION TO THE BOAT CASE PROBLEM. QUALIFICATION OF THESE REFUGEES UNDER EPP CRITERIA MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO UTILIZE EPP RECOUP NUMBERS FOR SUCH REFUGEES BUT DOES NOT REQUIRE THAT WE DO SO. FURTHER, IN LINE WITH PREVIOUS GUIDANCE, REFUGEES SHOULD BE MADE TO UNDERSTAND THAT ANY REFUGEE REFUSING A VALID RESETTLEMENT OFFER FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY IS AUTOMATICALLY DISQUALIFIED FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE U.S. PROGRAM.

4. INFO ADDRESSEES SHOULD CONSIDER GUIDANCE ABOVE AS GENERALLY APPLICABLE. KISSINGER

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